

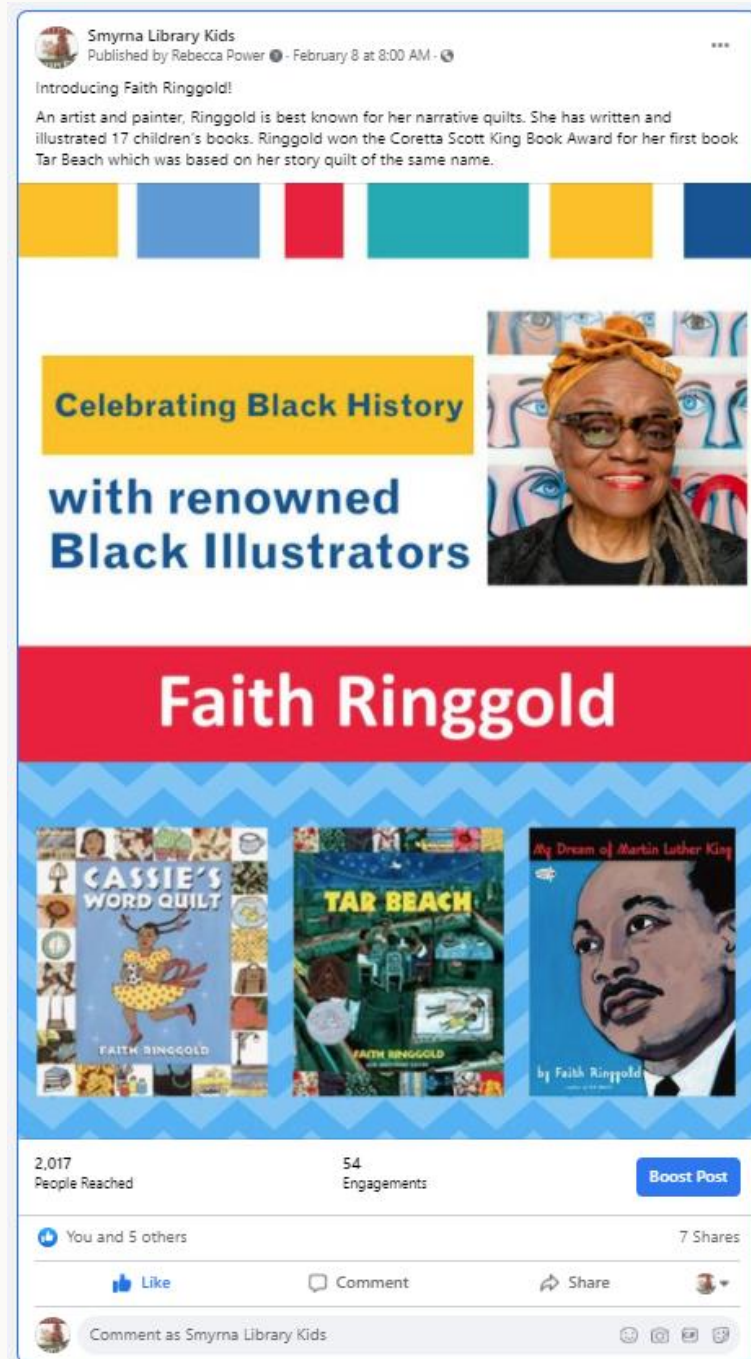
**Mayor and City Council Update  
February 12, 2021**

**To:** Mayor and Council  
**From:** Administration  
**CC:** Department Heads



**Library**

**Black History Month** – Part of the library’s BHM programming is what we call “Reader’s Advisory.” That’s a fancy librarian term for book suggestions. The Youth Services department is posting suggestions throughout the month to highlight famous children’s book illustrators. One post in particular has done really well with over 2,000 views. Very cool!



## *Museum*

The Smyrna Museum continues to promote the City's Black History Month offerings:

- A new tour on Black History in Smyrna, ***Black Experiences of Smyrna***



**Buffalo Soldiers at Ft. Assiniboine, MT 1894**

This hour-long tour will be available every Friday and Saturday in February from 10 am – 2 pm.

Guests can sign up for timed- ticket slots at [www.SmyrnaHistoryMuseum.com](http://www.SmyrnaHistoryMuseum.com)

- An interactive website on Mt. Zion Cemetery. <https://bit.ly/3pKrPNj>

Here viewers can learn about some of the history of Mt. Zion Baptist church and the community who worshipped at the church and were laid to rest in the cemetery. The StoryMaps site also informs citizens about the City's efforts to preserve and restore the cemetery site.

At the bottom of the webpage, visitors have an opportunity to share information they may have about the history of Mt. Zion Cemetery and who is buried there.

The Museum continues to be open for tours on Fridays and Saturdays only in accordance with social distancing measures. The Museum welcomed 6 visitors last Friday and Saturday.

## *Parks & Recreation*

Parks Maintenance staff started wall to wall 100% slow release fertilizer application with pre-emergent to the athletic fields. We were able to complete this process at every park with the exception of Chuck Camp which will be completed later this week or the start of next.

Crews have also been dragging all the ball parks for Little League and softball play and will continue to do so as weather permits.

We'd like to extend a big shout out to the guys at Public Works for delivering several loads of crush & run stone material at Tolleson Park on the lower end. Our Parks staff is on site now leveling and spreading the material out to rehab the overflow parking area located directly next to the volleyball court. Leading up to the stonework the parks staff have utilized a skid steer and hand raking to level out and prep the sand volleyball court itself in preparation for increased activity.

A crew has been at Taylor-Brawner to help clean out the basement area and dig up and fix a drain swell area that had begun to fail. Once completed the water run off should be captured and sent down to the retention pond in a cleaner and more efficient manner.

In the coming days staff plans to install additional handrailing to one of the bridges located on the trails at North Cooper Lake Bike Park.

We will also continue to address overgrowth shrub material at River Line Park by cutting back and removing this material to make the entrance of the park cleaner and more aesthetically appealing.

The Wolfe Center and Therapy Pool is currently open Monday – Thursday from 8:00 am – 6:00 pm. And on Fridays, from 8:00 am – noon. Members are calling in to reserve slots for water walking, lap swimming, fitness center and exercise classes. We are currently offering 24 fitness classes on the Wolfe Center side as well as a full day of water walking, lap swimming and aquatic classes on the pool side. We continue to average 86 visitors per day.

Tae Kwon Do classes continue at the Community Center on Friday evenings.

Smyrna Dancers is holding classes on Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday at the Community Center. They have limited numbers in each class.

Programs is hosting "Camp in the Box" for the week of Winter Break (February 15-19). These boxes will have different activities the kids can do to keep them busy during the week.

Programs is hosting a virtual cooking class "In the Kitchen with Dad" on Saturday, February 20. This activity will have Dad and his daughter in the kitchen cooking a special meal with the help of Chef Elizabeth. Additional similar events to come.

Parks & Recreation is considering the possibility of starting a Farmer's Market in Smyrna. We are currently working on a survey to send out to potential vendors. We are also looking at the best locations around the city to host this event.

Programs is discussing options for our annual Easter Egg event. We will have an event in place by the end of next week.

Programs is hosting "Virtual Family Game Night." This first one will be on Friday, February 26. The game will be: Bingo.

Programs staff continues putting together at home activities for our Wolfe Center members who are still staying safe at home. These activities could be a craft, mind puzzles, recipes, at home exercises, etc.

Programs received the wrap design for the bus and van. Once we approve the design, they will start wrapping these vehicles. We hope to have both vehicles completed by the end of February.

Programs staff is looking into a Mobile Recreation Program for the summer of 2021. This program would see our bus and or van making weekly appearances at parks. While there we will provide games and activities for people to do.

Parks & Rec is currently planning to operate our annual Summer Camp at the Smyrna Community Center. We will also have a backup plan in place in case we cannot operate as usual.

### **Department of Environmental Services (KSB)**

#### **Recycling Center:**

Current Hours: Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday, 8:00am-4:00pm and Thursday, 10:00am-6:00pm

#### **Keep Smyrna Beautiful:**

##### Upcoming Events:

- Arbor Day Tree Planting, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 12pm-12:30pm at Concord Road Linear Park
- Community Cleanups: February 18<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>
- Document Shredding Event, March 13<sup>th</sup> from 9am-12pm at the Wolfe Center

### **Public Works**

**Public Works Water/Sewer Division:** Water main replacement on McCoba Ct this week rerouting an old water main that currently runs underneath a permanent structure. Case Bore under Hawthorne Ave has been completed to run the new pipe to existing. Project will restart 2/22/2021. Marston water line rerouting will begin late spring. Water main lines belong in the right-of-way to be able to access them during water main emergency breaks and system shutdowns during maintenance.

Water Sewer has started up the yearly sewer modeling to ensure that all sanitary sewer main lines that take the bulk of the flow in the city are sufficient enough to carry all the flows from all Current and new development, this consist of sub basins 1,4,5,6, Project **90%** completed. Staff evaluating data on basins 6 and 1 collected.

Sewer Crew proceeding in ward 7 with preventative maintenance and sonar of the sewer systems to ensure sewer flow is not impeded and pipe is in good condition. Crews work from ward to ward until the city is completed. Once all data is collected Public Works management staff will evaluate conditions to put together future predictions of repairs and replacements. Overall project **55%** completed.

**Public Works street division:** Lake drive storm drainpipe Installation is completed; crews will finish landscaping this week to fully complete project. Antler Trail storm drain replacement completed and Cooper lake Court storm pipe replacement to start at the end of the month.



Mt. Zion cemetery upgrades, wall replacement and fencing to define Cemetery has been Completed. Public works will be filling in low lying areas in the cemetery, along with installation of sidewalk, pathway, and landscaping. Project **85%** completed. Picture attached is the new meandering pathway to new entrance to cemetery.



Street department continues to make roadway repairs along with landscaping of water main break, repairs to catch basin tops, and installation of new storm drainpipes in areas needed.

**Public Works South Cobb Drive Water line Project Phase II:** The projects Notice to Proceed is 1/25/2021 and the contract date is 180 days. The projects scope of work intel's of installing new 8-inch and 12-inch water main lines on the east and west sides of South Cobb Drive from Benson Poole Road to Concord Road. Contractor installing silt fence and staging areas. Case Bore under Benson Poole completed.

#### **SPLOST**

**Windy Hill Boulevard:** Baldwin is installing temporary road and parts of the permanent road delayed due to weather a date has yet to be determined when traffic will transition. Baldwin has started installing storm drain from Belmont Circle toward Atlanta Road. Traffic light contractor installing conduit and wiring for the new temporary traffic lights they have the first set of temporary traffic lights installed at Ward Street intersection and will be starting at Belmont Place on 2/15/21 to install the temporary modifications to this intersection. Baldwin is working on the last 2 side streets to transition into the new roadway Cherokee Trail and Beaver Creek. That work is expected to begin next week with proper traffic control since both subdivisions are one way in and one way out the work must be performed one lane at a time to maintain access.

**Church street roadway improvement's:** This project from South Cobb to King Street will be 100% complete by the of the week with final speed table installed. Church Street from King Street to Atlanta road will begin Monday 8<sup>th</sup> with new 5ft sidewalk, project was broken up into 2 phases due to obtaining right of way. Sidewalk and driveway apron were poured this week to Methodist church. Second driveway apron and speed table set to be completed Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>. Weather permitting.

## *Police Department*

Total number of arrests:	45
Total number of citations issued:	279
Total number of warning citations:	186
Total number of calls for service:	1202

On February 10, 2021, the police department issued its yearly awards for acts and performance above the normal call of duty. **Noteworthy awards include the following:**

- **Detective Ken Spencer**- Lifetime Achievement award
- Officer of the year - **Lt. Ken Owens**
- Employee of the year - **Gary Dusterhoff (Detention facility Chef)**
- Rookie of the year - **Officer Victor Aguirre**
- Detention officer of the year - **Detention Officer Brett Hurst**
- Communications Officer of the year - **Supervisor Javonda Ware**







We also had numerous meritorious, lifesaving, and unit awards for performance which we've come to expect from these great men and women who serve our community with extraordinary loyalty and professionalism. Because of group restrictions we called in singular and group recipients to the training room for their awards and photographs. Photos were taken without masks briefly but then placed back on afterwards. It was important to raise up and recognize our staff in some way at a moment in time when separation for safety is critical.

We would also like to thank the Smyrna Public Safety Foundation Director Denise Czarnik, Eric Wallace of Adventure Outdoors, and Cumberland Diamond Exchange for providing additional awards for those who were recognized as the best in their field. A few photos are attached.

## *Fire Department*

### Incidents

**Fire - 3**

**Medical - 57**

**Other - 68**

**Total – 128**

In honor of Burn Awareness Week, Smyrna Fire had the opportunity to celebrate the nurses and staff who work in the Burn Unit of Wellstar Cobb Hospital.



## *Community Development*

Type	#	Estimated Cost of Construction	Location
Building New/Residential	5	\$1,228,412	1:Enclave at Old Concord 1:Grove at Adams Pond 1:Grove at Forest Hills 2:Logan's Walk
Building Remodel/Residential	17	\$507,859	7:Addition 4:Interior 1:Pool 5:Re-roof
Building New/Commercial	1	\$3,208,000	1:Covenant United Methodist Church (3395 Atlanta Rd)
Building Remodel/Commercial	1	\$174,000	1:Leedarson Lighting (300 Technology Ct)
Electrical	-	-	-
Plumbing	4	-	-
HVAC	2	-	-
Signs	7	-	2 Face Change: Publix (4480 S Cobb Dr) 1 Monument: Fifth Third Bank (4520 S Cobb Dr) 4 Wall: Fifth Third Bank 2x (4520 S Cobb Dr), Arrow (4900 Highlands Pkwy), Prime Line (4900 Highlands Pkwy)
Grading	2	\$1,417,000	2 Commercial: Covenant United Methodist Church (3395 Atlanta Rd), Christian Brothers Auto (3240 S Cobb Dr)
<b>Total</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>\$6,535,271</b>	

### WEEKLY INSPECTIONS

Type	Number	# of Sites
All	217	71



## NEW BUSINESSES

Name	Location	Home/Commercial	Description
VELOCITY AUTO PARTS	1407 OAKRIDGE VIEW DR	H	ONLINE SALES OF AUTO PARTS
MATH AND MUSIC MAKERS LLC	1584 DERRY BROOKE WALK SE	H	EDUCATIONAL SVCS/SCHOOLS
SARAH BOWMAN SPACES	3360 LEE ST SE	H	HOME STAGING & REDESIGN
COSTE CUISINE & CATERING	1455 SPRING RD SE	H	CATERING/PERSONAL CHEF
INFRASITE MANAGEMENT	1455 SPRING RD SE	H	REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT CONSULTING
JLM DENTAL STUDIO	1060 WINDY HILL RD SE	C	DENTIST
TSS NOTARY & LOAN SIGNING SERVICE	1282 CREEKSIDE TER SE	H	NOTARY SERVICE
CALCULATED CONSULTING, CO	491 REBECCA LN SE	H	CONSULTING

